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SUBJ: ABCC NEGOTIATIONS

SUMMARY: JAPANESE SCHEDULE FOR RESPONDING TO US DRAFT PROPOSAL RE RESTRUCTURING ABCC HAS NOW SLIPPED TO MARCH. SINCE NEW INSTITUTE NOT EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE APRIL 1975, THIS SLIPPAGE SHOULD NOT AFFECT OVERALL SCHEDULE. IT MAY IN FACT BE BENEFICIAL IN THAT DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOW BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER DIET CONSIDERATION OF JFY 1974 BUDGET REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

1. KOICHIRO MATSUURA,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRST NORTH AMERICA
COMMERCIAL DIV, MOFA, IN CONVERSATION WITH SCICOUNS, CONFIRMED
THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT GOJ HAS FALLEN BEHIND ITS OWN SCHEDULE

FOR NEGOTIATION OF ABCC RESTRUCTURE. MATSUURA HAD HOPED THAT
GOJ RESPONSE TO US DRAFT PROPOSAL, WHICH WILL TAKE FORM OF JAPANESE COUNTERPROPOSAL, WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY END OF JAN.
THIS NOW CLEARLY RULED OUT.

2. MATSUURA IS DEPARTING TOKYO FEB 12 FOR MEETINGS IN SEATTLE
AND OTTAWA, AND CONSIDERING SPENDING DAY OR TWO IN WASH AROUND
FEB 21-22
FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ABCC. WHILE HE DOES NOT EXPECT
GOJ COUNTERDRAFT UNDER PREPARATION BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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AND WELFARE TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE HIS FEB 12 DEPARTURE, HE

BELIEVES IT MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE TO HIM AS GUIDANCE BEFORE HIS FEB 21-22 VISIT TO WASH. HE FORESEES PRESENTATION OF GOJ DRAFT TO EMBASSY AS TAKING PLACE IN MARCH, WITH DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING IN APRIL IN TOKYO.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE NEW INSTITUTE NOT EXPECTED TO COME INTO BEING BEFORE APRIL 1975, THERE IS NO NEAR-TERM DEADLINE FOR INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. HIGH IS PREJUDICED BY THIS SLIPPAGE. REQUIREMENT FORESEEN BY FONOFF TO BE ABLE ADVISE DIET OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF NEW INSTITUTE DURING ITS CONSIDERATION OF 1974 BUDGET REQUEST CAN PROBABLY BE MET BY EVIDENCE OF COMMON APPROACH WHICH HAS ALREADY EMERGED AS RESULT OF TRANSMITTAL OF US DRAFT. IN FACT, DEFERRAL OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, IN WHICH DISAGREEMENT ON MANY DETAILS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EMERGE, UNTIL AFTER DIET APPROVAL OF JFY 1974 BUDGET MAY ACTUALLY BE BENEFICIAL. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPT ADVISED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND WHETHER MATSUURA DESIRES WASH DISCUSSIONS.
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